Meeting Date	Language Access Committee	
July 19, 2013		Judicial Council Room
Members Present		Member Excused
Judge Trease		Wendell Roberts
Ghulam Hasnain		Judge Romney
Jennifer Andrus		Miguel Medina
Evangelina Burrows		Jennifer Storrer
Greg Johnson		Nidia Pendley
Randall McUne		
Maureen Magagna		
Judge Smith		

Staff: Rosa Oakes, Alison Adams-Perlac **Guests:** Luther Gaylord, Juan Marquez

Topic: Approve minutes of May 17, 2013

Judge Trease welcomed everyone and called for the approval of the last meeting's minutes.

Ghulam moved to approve and Evangelina seconded. Members voted.

Motion passed.

Topic: Introductions

Judge Trease

Judge Trease introduced new members of the committee. Judge Rick Smith is a Juvenile Court Judge in 4th District. Alison Adams-Perlac from the AOC is the new committee staff member.

Evangelina introduced Juan Marquez as a new staff interpreter in the 3rd District.

Topic: Language & Culture Subcommittee Report Jennifer Andrus

Jennifer A. reported that she met with 4th District Court judges to discuss training on culture. They agreed that it is an issue and also suggested that cultural issues should be identified and sorted out well in advance of court hearings. Ghulam stated that it would be wise to introduce a sort of "process acculturation" for people who become involved in the American legal system to help them understand that things operate very differently than in their native countries. Jennifer A. suggested that informing the public on the American legal system can be done in collaboration with the Court Outreach Committee. The subcommittee will continue its work by arranging focus groups of varied participants and they hope to complete their tasks by August 15. A likely timeline is that a draft curriculum will be presented at the next committee meeting for feedback from members in anticipation of a test run sometime in January 2014.

Topic: Next item on the strategic plan – Community Outreach Rosa Oakes

Rosa reported that Nu Dang, certified Vietnamese interpreter, is coordinating a community gathering. The plan is to present limited legal information by attorneys and court staff to help educate Vietnamese citizens in hopes that it will reduce trepidation when they must go to court. Judge Trease is continuing her efforts with the Outreach Committee.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2013.